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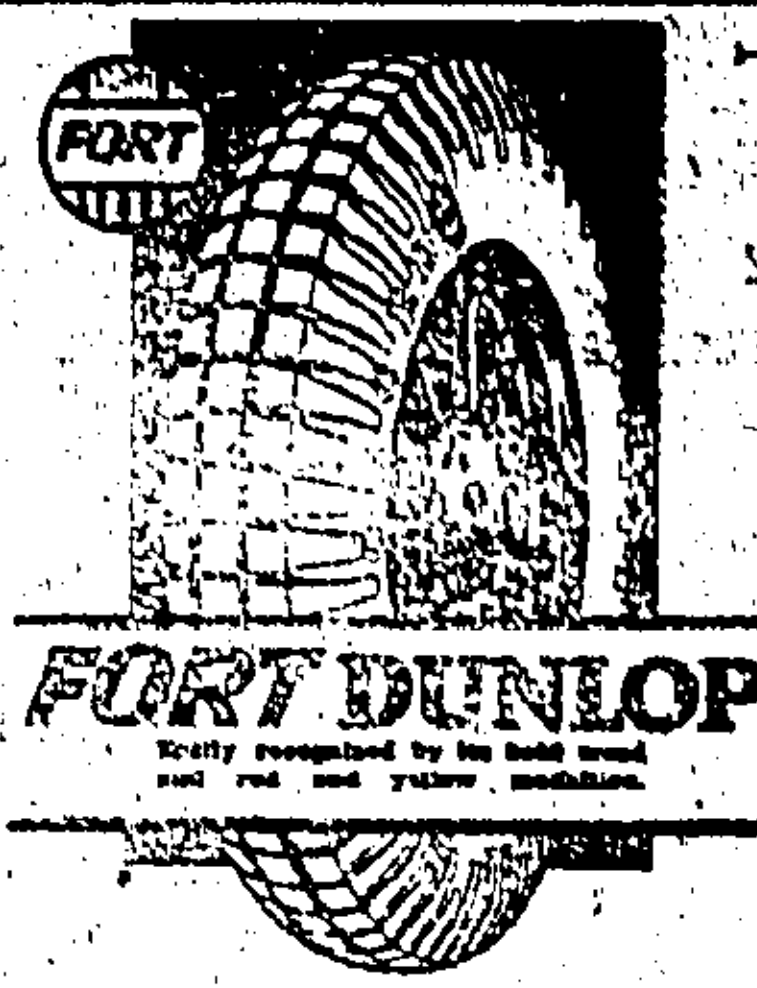
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LENOX SIMPSON SHOT DOWN.

GUNMEN ATTEMPT MURDER.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE SPINE.

ATTACK MADE IN HIS TIENTSIN HOME.

CAR CAPTURED.

Tientsin, Oct. 2.
Mr. Lenox Simpson, who was brought into the limelight by the seizure of the Tientsin Customs by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and his acceptance of an appointment as Customs Commissioner, thereby incurring the displeasure of the Nanking Government, was shot and seriously wounded in his own residence in Tientsin last night.

The attempted murder was carried out by three Chinese gunmen, who are alleged to have spoken the Fengtien dialect.

His attackers drove up to Mr. Simpson's residence and presented a fictitious card, asking for an interview with the recently removed Customs Commissioner.

Two Bullets Fired.

He was escorting them to his study when one of the gunmen drew a pistol and fired twice at him.

One of the bullets penetrated the spinal column and the second missed.

The gunmen escaped unmolested from the premises, driving away swiftly in a car which was awaiting their return in the street.

Car Captured.

The servants had noted the number of the car and informed the police who soon afterwards captured the car with the driver. It was discovered, however, that the driver was employed by a garage and had been hired by the gunmen, who had left the vehicle previous to its capture.

The police making efforts to trace the assassins, learned that four men registered yesterday afternoon at a Japanese hotel, three of them hiring the car which went to Lenox Simpson's residence, while the fourth took their baggage by ricksha elsewhere.

It is stated that the men spoke a Fengtien dialect. The gunmen are still at liberty.—*Reuter.*

Old China Hand.

Lenox Simpson is an old China hand, and a noted author under the pseudonym of Putnam Weale. He was born in China, a son of Mr. Charles Lenox Simpson, who was Senior Commissioner in the Customs Service.

His active support of the Northern Alliance in the past few months drew several protests from the Nanking Foreign Office to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, who took no action in the matter.

There will be little doubt that the attempted murder had more than a little to do with Mr. Lenox Simpson's recent activities in Tientsin, though the allegation that Fengtien gunmen were concerned may be regarded as somewhat puzzling.

Lenox Simpson visited Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in Mukden a week or two ago to explain his handling of the Tientsin Customs and, it has been reported, to preserve his position. Chang Hsueh-liang flatly refused to consider the latter request.

SURPRISE IN LADIES' GOLF CONTEST.

MOLLY GOURLAY BEATEN IN FIFTH ROUND.

London, Oct. 1.
At Aldeburgh to-day, in the fifth round of the English Ladies' Golf Championship, Miss Molly Gourlay, the holder, was eliminated by Miss Wanda Morgan, who has also been very prominent in ladies' golf in recent years.

At the end of eighteen holes, Miss Gourlay and Miss Morgan were all square, but Miss Morgan won on the nineteenth.—*Reuter.*

WORLD'S SERIES BEGINS.

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS WIN FIRST GAME.

CHAMPIONSHIP FEAT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.
President Hoover was among the 40,000 spectators in the opening game of the world's baseball championship series to-day, the contestants being Philadelphia Athletics, winners of the American League pennant, and the St. Louis Cardinals, who emerged triumphant in the keen final tussle for the National League title.

Queues of enthusiasts formed at the ground forty-eight hours before the gates were opened. Seven games are scheduled, the championship being decided when either of the teams wins four games.

Philadelphia scored the initial win, defeating the Cardinals by five runs to two, and incidentally creating a series record by scoring five hits from the Cardinals' pitcher, all for extra bases, all being converted into runs.

The second game of the series will be played to-morrow.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MOTOR DRIVING LICENCES.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FROM APPLICANTS.

London, Oct. 1.
Extremely defective eyesight and inability to fit with bar any one from obtaining a driving licence under the new Road Traffic Act, part of which will come into operation in December.

Applicants have to declare their fitness to be able to read a motor-car number-plate, with or without glasses, at a distance of thirty yards. They must also produce a certificate of insurance against third-party risk.

Steel tyres will be banned and henceforth all newly-registered vehicles, except trailers, must run on pneumatic tyres.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE GEORGE'S FUTURE.

MAY BE A DOMINION'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

London, Oct. 1.
The *New Chronicle* diarist states that Prince George will accompany the Prince of Wales on his visit to the British Trade Exhibition in Argentina next spring.

The writer suggests that the tour is a preliminary step towards Prince George eventually being appointed Governor-General of one of the Dominions, after he has had the opportunity to gain experience in some less important office.—*Reuter.*

UNFAIR COMPETITION IN HOME MARKET.

LANCASHIRE SETS UP NEW ORGANISATION.

London, Oct. 1.
A special meeting called to-day by the National Union of Manufacturers and held at Manchester, elected Sir Amos Nelson, head of the well-known firm of cotton manufacturers, as chairman, and other officers, as the nucleus of a new Textile Council.

The new Council will work with the object of securing the protection of the Lancashire textile industry against unfair competition in the home market.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRIAN ASSEMBLY DISSOLVED.

GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

Vienna, Oct. 1.
As foreshadowed yesterday, Parliament met to-day and dissolved. The elections will be held in November.—*Reuter.*

HEAVIER LOCAL TAXATION.

AMUSEMENT TAX AS A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE.

Four Per Cent. Increase in Rates and Additional Harbour Dues.

FEATURES OF THE 1931 BUDGET.

Involving considerable increases of taxation in almost every direction, one of the most controversial local Budgets for many years is to be presented in Legislative Council this afternoon. The Government is seeking a revenue \$4,775,839 in excess of the amount asked for last year, and the biggest contribution is demanded of the ratepayers direct.

A four per cent. increase in the rates is proposed, bringing in \$5,665,000 as against \$4,250,000, the estimated revenue from this source in the current year. An additional \$320,740 is expected as a result of increased light dues, charges for buoys, and other sources of income connected with the Harbour Department.

The revenue stamps on cheques and receipts are to be ten cents in future, just double, and on bills of lading forty cent stamps will be required. The maximum percentage for Estate Duties is to be raised from eight to twelve per cent. These increases are expected to bring in an additional \$473,000.

An entirely new source of revenue yielding \$300,000 is proposed in the imposition of an Amusement Tax. The form this will take will, no doubt, be indicated this afternoon.

It is notable that the Colonial Treasurer, in an estimate of the Colony's financial position, considers that in spite of increased revenue the balance of assets at the end of 1931 will be only \$3,117,311 (even after utilising over \$5,000,000 from asset balance) as against a balance of \$9,662,851 at the end of 1929. The deficit at the end of the current year is expected to be \$4,237,500, while the Budget to be submitted to-day shows revenue estimated at \$27,488,759, and expenditure estimated at \$29,796,799. The bulk of the increased expenditure is to go by way of Personal Emoluments which, estimated at \$7,936,351 in 1929, increased to \$8,508,405 in 1930, and are estimated in 1931 to require \$11,626,727.

STAMP AND ESTATE DUTIES UP.

In a Memorandum on Revenue, the Hon. Colonial Treasurer explains the position for the coming year as follows:

The Estimates of Revenue for the year 1931 reach a total of \$27,488,759, an increase of \$4,775,839 over the approved Estimates for 1930, an increase of \$3,422,759 over the Revised Estimate for the same year and an increase of \$3,934,284 over the Actual Revenue of 1929.

In anticipation of the increase of 4% on the Rates, Revenue under the head Assessed Taxes is expected to yield \$5,665,000 or approximately \$1,415,000 more than the Approved Estimate for the current year.

Amusement Tax.

It is estimated that a sum of \$300,000 will be paid into Revenue in respect of the proposed new Amusement Taxes.

A slight adjustment in school fees should yield an additional \$19,000. Under the former schedule it was estimated that Revenue derived from Public School Fees in 1931 would reach \$195,000 but with the adjustment now proposed the revised estimate for 1931 is \$214,000.

Increased Harbour Charges.

An additional \$320,740 is expected on account of the increase of Light Dues, while increase in the fees for use of Government Buoys, Sunday Cargo Working Permits and other Revenue collected through the Harbour Office is expected to yield an additional \$144,832.

Revenue from Land Sales for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930 has exceeded 1½ million dollars each year. It is proposed, therefore, to estimate the Revenue under this head for the year 1931 at 1½ million.

Stamp Duties Raised.

It is estimated that amendments in the case of certain fees in the Stamp Ordinance raising receipt and cheque duty to 10 cents and bills of lading to 40 cents together with the revision of the Estate Duties Ordinance, whereby the maximum percentage is raised from 8% to 12% should increase

1930 REVENUE.

On the 1930 revenue, the Colonial Treasurer says:

When the estimates for 1930 were revised the Crown Agents' Accounts for the months of May and June were not available; consequently the actual collection for the 1st half of the year 1930 under the heads Interest, Other Miscellaneous Receipts, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Contributions are only approximate. The total Revenue for the first six months amounts to \$12,317,814 which exceeds six twelfths of the year's estimate by about \$961,354. The revised estimated revenue for the 2nd half of the year is \$11,748,186 bringing the revised estimated total Revenue for 1930 to \$24,066,000 or about \$1,353,089 in excess of the estimate.

Receipts from Land Sales in the 1st half year 1930 amounted to \$1,079,407 and the sum of \$420,593 has been inserted for the 2nd half year, but it is anticipated that this figure will be exceeded if the present active demand for land continues.

Earlier Increases.

By resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council on the 19th day of June, 1930, under the provisions of Section 7 of the Tobacco Ordinance 1916 certain duties on tobacco were increased. The Motor Spirits Ordinance passed the Legislative Council on 26th June, 1930, introducing duty at the rate of fifteen cents per gallon on all light oils lying on stock in the Colony on 1st July, 1930, and imported into the Colony on or after that date.

By regulation made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance 1926 the rates of postage were increased from 1st day of August, 1930.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Interesting Items in the Estimates.

Accompanying the Estimates is a Memorandum by the Hon. Director of Public Works dealing with Public Works Extraordinary, for which a sum of \$2,500,000 is set aside for 1931, as compared with a revised estimate of \$3,340,000 for the current year. This explains the main items in detail. The following are worthy of notice:

\$125,000 for new No. 2 Police Station on the Praya East Reclamation.

\$125,000 for new Sai Ying Pun Market.

\$5,000 towards Infectious Diseases Hospital. It is explained that the exact site is not yet selected, but it is hoped to provide a suitable site and commence work before the end of 1931.

\$40,000 for Tai Hang Road construction. This is to strengthen the conduit from the junction of Stubbs Road to the tunnel face. Until this is done, the road cannot be opened for heavy vehicular traffic.

\$5,000 for Port Works. This vote is for preliminary investigations such as taking soundings and borings, and diving operations, in connexion with the new and proposed harbour works.

\$100,000 for maternity block of Kowloon Hospital, on which it is hoped to start work before the end of this year.

\$50,000 for the preparation of the site, adjoining Kowloon Hospital, for the new Kowloon British School.

\$50,000 for Chatham Road extension, to provide a bypass road in order to avoid the narrow Hung Hom Streets.

\$15,000 for widening and improving Castle Peak Road on the

CHINA AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

BITTER COMPLAINT OVER RECENT ELECTION.

HINT OF SECESSION.

Geneva, Oct. 1.

A local paper publishes a statement issued by the Kuomintang delegation in Europe bitterly complaining of the "European character" of the League of Nations and of the failure of China to obtain re-election to a non-permanent seat on the Council of the League.

The Kuomintang delegation says that this "induces the Chinese people to examine the utility of continuing its efforts in that direction with a view to completing the work of establishing peace or whether to proceed differently."

The Assembly met to-day and adopted the Committee's report and the accompanying resolution dealing with illicit opium traffic. Prince Tarwajidja, of Siam, extended an invitation to hold the forthcoming conference on opium-smoking at Bangkok instead of in London. He said that the Siamese Government would be happy to welcome the conference and support the supplementary expenses, estimated at 150,000 Swiss francs, owing to the change of venue.

The invitation evoked applause.—*Reuter.*

BOAT MISTRESS FINED.

OVER TWENTY PASSENGERS IN EXCESS.

"There are none so deaf as those who will not hear," quoted the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, when the mistress of a passenger boat was charged with (a) carrying 22 passengers in excess of the number allowed by her licence, and (b) failing to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge but denied the second.

Sgt. Jessop, who prosecuted, gave evidence of seeing defendant near the S.S. Hong Hwa. Her behaviour aroused his suspicions and he called to her to stop, but she ignored him and tried to get away. Sgt. Jessop's evidence was corroborated by a Chinese coxswain.

With regard to the first charge, Sgt. Jessop said the defendant was allowed to carry 16 passengers but he found 38 on board when he was able to get alongside her boat.

Defendant denied trying to get away, saying that she did not hear anybody calling to her to stop.

In imposing a fine of \$20 on the first count and \$15 on the second, his Worship remarked that it was no wonder that defendant tried to get away as she had 38 passengers on board instead of 16.

section from Cheungshawan to Laichikok.

\$10,000 for Kowloon City service reservoir.

\$3,000 for windmill for irrigation purposes in the New Territories, for areas that at present lie fallow. Should the scheme prove a success, it will be extended.

\$3,600 for arms grilles for New Territories Police Stations. This is said to be necessary for the protection of arms and ammunition for Stations not at present provided with these safeguards.

REVENUE INCREASES.

Figures for the Past Ten Years.

In an Appendix to his Memorandum, the Colonial Treasurer gives details of estimated and actual revenue for the past ten years, with explanations of the increases.

The actual revenue for the years 1921 to 1929 inclusive was as follows:—1921, \$17,728,132; 1922, \$22,291,065; 1923, \$24,783,763; 1924, \$24,209,646; 1925, \$23,244,371; 1926, \$21,131,539; 1927, \$21,344,637; 1928, \$24,968,399; 1929, \$23,554,475.

The estimated revenue for 1930 is \$22,712,920.

BRITISH EMPIRE CONFERENCE.

PREMIER'S OPENING ADDRESS.

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WORLD SITUATION.

DOMINION SPEECHES.

London, Oct. 1.

At its opening meeting in London this morning, the Imperial Conference, as its first official act, sent a message of greeting to Their Majesties, to which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, as Chairman of the Conference, later received a reply from King George.

His Majesty expressed the sincere thanks of the Queen and himself for the message of loyalty and affection, and added:—"I am especially touched by its kind allusions to my restoration to health. Realising the all-important questions which will be considered, I shall follow with close attention the progress of your deliberations."

Expressions of loyalty to the Throne also marked the opening speeches of the delegates, who, with great cordiality, welcome the opportunity of discussing matters of common concern to all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Premier's Speech.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, after welcoming the delegates, referred to the fact that four of his fellow Prime Ministers were, like himself, attending their first meeting of the Imperial Conference, and paid a tribute to the work done at the 1926 Conference by some whom he missed to-day—the late Lord Balfour, whose name would always be associated with the report of the Inter-Imperial Relations Committee of that Conference; the late Mr. O'Higgins, to whose keen and vigorous intellect the deliberations of the last Conference owed so much; and Lord Birkenhead whose death occurred yesterday.

Constitutional Issues.

Proceeding to the business of the Conference, he said the agenda broadly dealt with three main aspects of problems which were of common concern to them all. The first concerned the relations of the members of the British Commonwealth with one another in the political or constitutional field. General principles were laid down in the report of the Inter-Imperial Relations Committee of 1926 in language which commanded universal acceptance. The change of Government in the United Kingdom since the Conference of 1926 made no difference to their acceptance of those principles.

"We represent here a variety of political opinions, but, happily, the relations between the members of British Commonwealth are not, I am glad to think, matters of party politics in this country or in any of the Dominions." It was now their task to consider upon the basis of their experience how to give practical effect to the declarations of 1926.

Legal Changes.

In order to prepare for the work, the existing legal structure of the Commonwealth had to be examined to see what modifications and adaptations were required to bring it into accord with these declarations. This has been done with care and thoroughness by a special Conference on the operation of Dominion Legislation, whose recommendations they must consider, never forgetting that behind their work was the thought of building for the future. Whatever changes of form they might accept, they should be guided by the truth that though form was undoubtedly important, it was not the form, but the spirit behind the form, which mattered.

Other two aspects of the agenda indicated most important fields in which their free co-operation might be actively pursued. In the sphere of foreign affairs, the great objective was to secure and maintain the influence of the British Com-

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WEIHAIWEI IS HANDED OVER.

COLOURFUL SCENE AT THE RENDITION.

Weihaiwei, Oct. 1.
Weihaiwei presented a gay spectacle this morning on the occasion of the rendition.
All the British warships—the Kent, Cumberland, Cornwall, Sandwich, Petersfield, Bridge-water, Thracian, Stormcloud, Somme, Odin, Osiris, Oswald, Otus and Medway—were dressed, flying the Chinese national flag at the main.

The Chinese men-of-war the Ching Hai and Hai Hsing, which arrived early in the morning, were also beflagged. Liukungtao had a holiday appearance, flags being everywhere. The weather was blustery and chilly, with occasional showers, but this did not damp the ardour of the huge crowds, who were out early in order to secure vantage points from which to view the proceedings.

Naval parties from H.M.S. Kent and Cumberland landed and took up positions allotted them in connexion with the ceremony, which commenced promptly at half past ten, with the landing at Port Edward Pier of Mr. Wang Chia-cheng, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, specially appointed by the National Government to take over the administration.

To the accompaniment of the booming of a salute of fifteen guns, Mr. Wang was received by Sir R. F. Johnston, Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, and senior officials. Scholars from five boys' schools and one girls' school in the territory, with six school bands, were also present, and welcomed the Administrator. Innumerable cricketers were let off.

Guards of Honour.

The Administrator inspected the naval and military guards of honour, and then the party drove to Government House, where detachments of naval men, Marines, and the Second Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders presented arms.

After various presentations, Sir R. F. Johnston, Mr. Wang Chia-cheng and Admiral Waistell mounted the platform; and Sir R. F. Johnston read articles 1, 2 and 3 of the Rendition Convention, and Article One of the Naval Agreement, speaking first in English and then in Chinese.

The concluding part of the morning ceremony was ushered in with an order to the troops to present arms, the Chinese national flag being then broken at the flagstaff alongside the Union Jack, and the band struck up the Chinese national anthem while H.M.S. Petersfield and Kent and one of the Chinese warships fired a salute of twenty-one guns.

The two flags will remain flying side by side until sunset, when both will be hauled down simultaneously. To-morrow morning the Chinese flag alone will be hoisted, Weihaiwei having once again returned to China.

Farewell to Commissioner.

While the guards of honour and spectators dispersed, all the officials, officers and a number of guests adjourned to Government House, where a reception in the nature of a farewell party to Sir R. F. Johnston was held, followed by toasts to the respective rulers of Britain and China, drunk to musical honours.

Cordial speeches were made, and Sir R. F. Johnston was then driven to the pier accompanied by Admiral Waistell and Mr. Wang Chia-cheng, where after inspecting the guards of honour, Sir R. F. Johnston embarked on H.M.S. Sandwich at 11.40, while the Petersfield and Hai Hsing boomed out a salute of fifteen guns. At noon, the Sandwich, flying the Commissioner's flag, escorted by the Petersfield, left Weihaiwei for Shanghai.

Enormous crowds witnessed the ceremonies, despite heavy showers of rain.—*Reuter.*

A BAZAAR IN AID OF CHARITY.

PRECIOUS BLOOD CONVENT'S ANNUAL FUNCTION.

The annual charity bazaar and fete of the Precious Blood Convent will be held this year at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road (by kind permission of the Headmaster) on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. The Committee are now busy making preparations for it. Souvenir tickets at \$1 and \$2 each, which are exchangeable for prizes on the bazaar days can now be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 11 Arbuthnot Road.

It will be remembered that in past years many local firms and kind-hearted gentlemen and ladies very generously gave donations and contributions. The committee therefore hope that the community will again come forward to help a deserving cause.

The Precious Blood Convent, occupying an area of 40,000 square feet at Shamshuipo is a home for hundreds of orphans and decrepit persons under the care of a noble band of Sisters. In addition, the convent has already opened many schools to educate poor children. The Sisters of the Convent depend annually on the proceeds of the bazaar.

Lady Peel, Lady Shouson Chow, Mrs. V. M. Grayburn and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson have kindly consented to be patrons. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall has accepted the hon. presidency. The Committee consists of:

President, Right Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta; chairman, Mr. Chan Wai-chuen; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Zimmerman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chan Wai-ming; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tse Yung Kwong. General Committee, Messrs. Lo Sek-tin, Chung Hok-wang, Tam Yick-ping, Ng Tin-fong, James Ng, Li Yan-sing. Working Committee, Messrs. Chan Yew-ho, Lam Yung-hee, Wong Tai-chiu, Winslow Yu, Ng Kwok-tai, Chan Tseng-ming, Lau Cho-lam, Chan Chi-wai and Misses Fanny Wong, Agnes Chan, Annette Lee, Bessie Ng, Cissy Chan, Phyllis Ng, Dolly Wong, Mary Chan, Adele Lee, Florence Chan, Jenny Wong, Agnes Lee, Bessie Chan, Pearl Chow.

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Bolt upright or at your ease.

You probably wonder what there is in this. But the position which people adopt when sitting is often an indication of the state of their health.

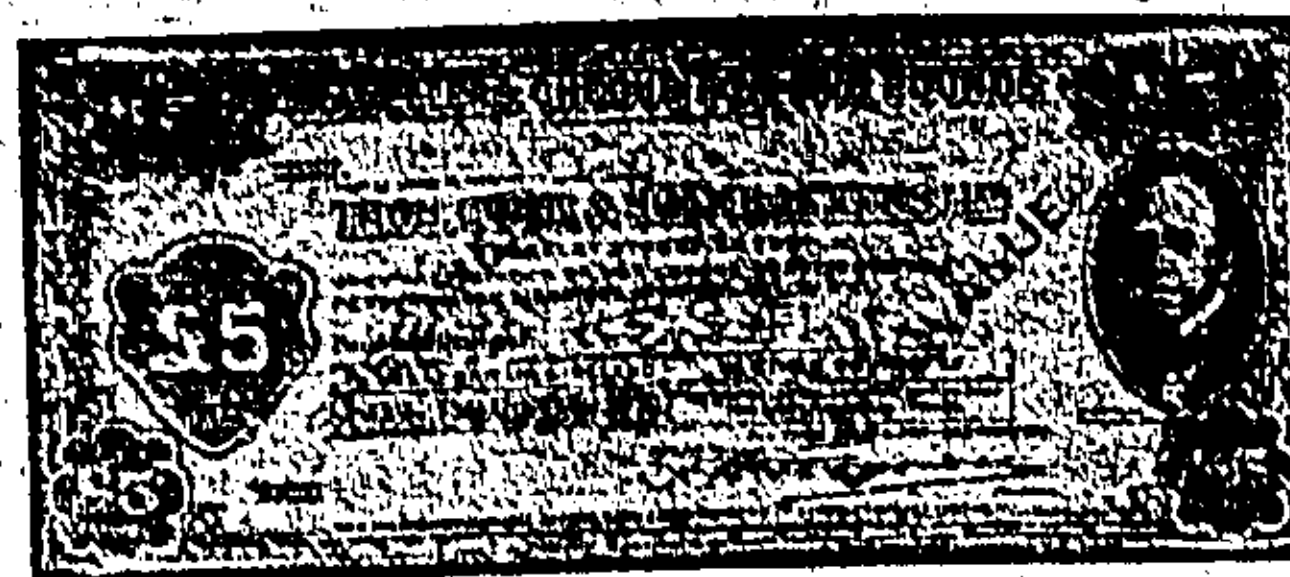
You have observed, the tense, bolt-upright position of some people even when occupying the most luxuriously upholstered chair. Sure sign of nervous tension! They have never learnt to relax and rest properly and consequently they belong to the legions of nervy men and women.

Then there is the type of person who collapses into a chair as if quite exhausted. He lolls back, with shoulders hunched and sunken chest, as though he never intended to get up again. Indeed, he does not appear to have enough energy to do anything but loll about in easy chairs. This man is obviously debilitated, and like the nervy person, his trouble is due to impoverished blood. Both require building up by a reliable blood and nerve tonic before their condition develops into the more serious consequences of anaemia. Among these are neurasthenia, exhaustion, indigestion, rheumatism and general weakness. But all conditions of anaemia, whether slight or serious give way before the world famous blood and nerve tonic, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They make new blood, which is nature's own weapon for combating all disorders of the human organism.

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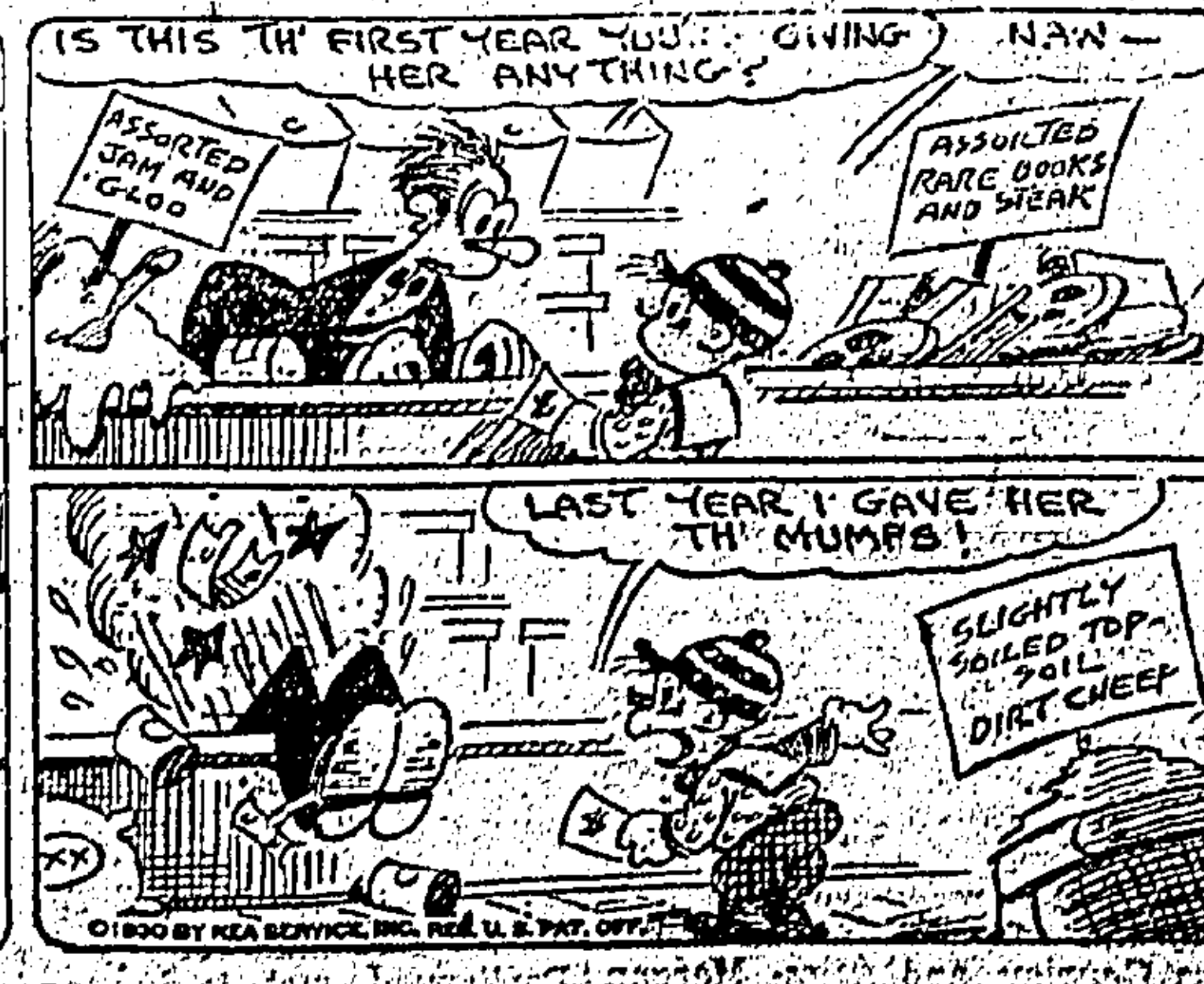
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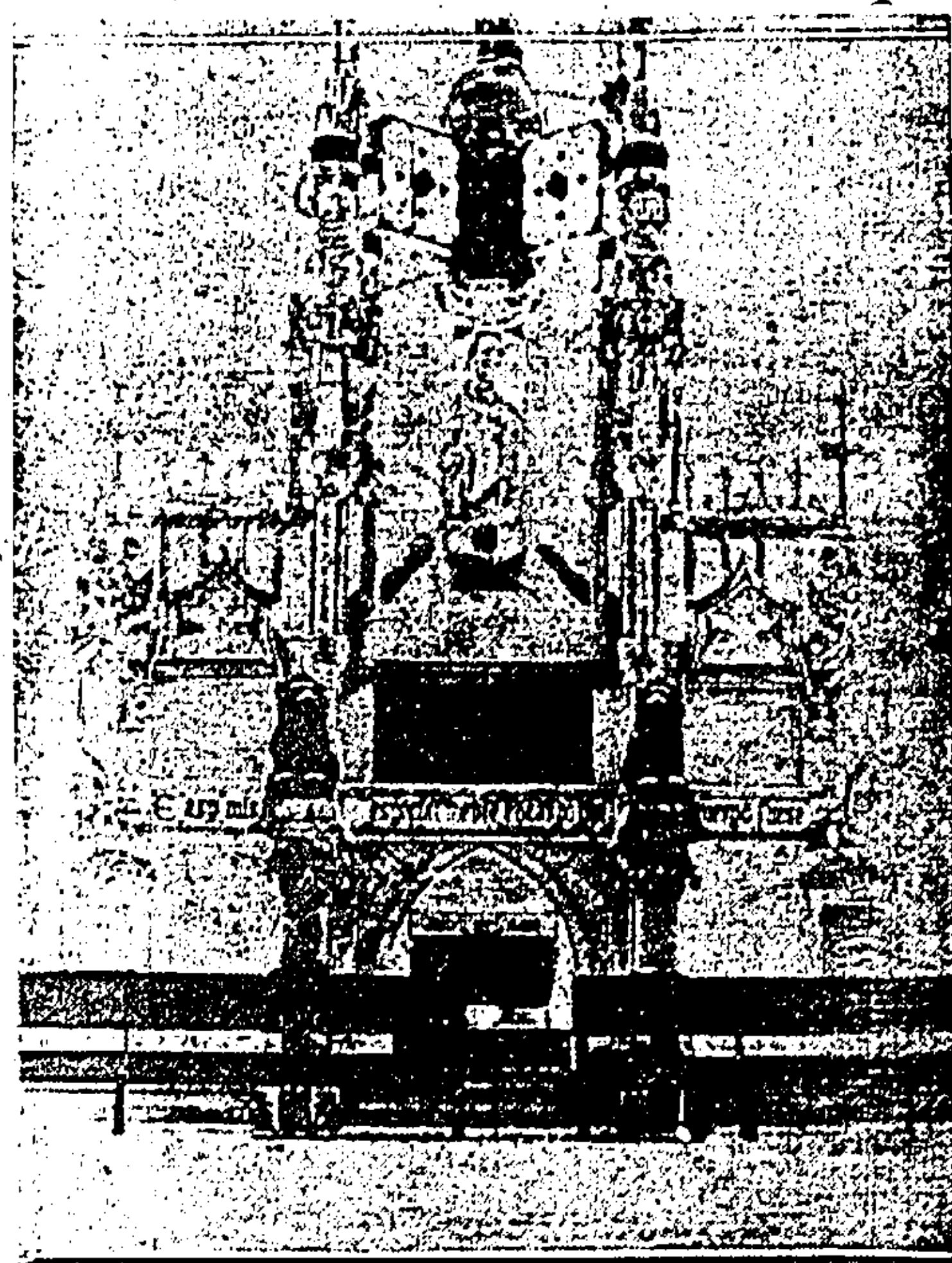
Dr. Gunner Horn, whose researches on White Island led to the discovery of the bodies of the victims of the Andree balloon expedition of 33 years ago, is shown above aboard the Bratvaag.



Photo taken off the Cornwall coast showing rescue work in connexion with the yacht tragedy in which Commodore King lost his life.



Jack Pickford and Mary Mulhern, New York actress, just married.



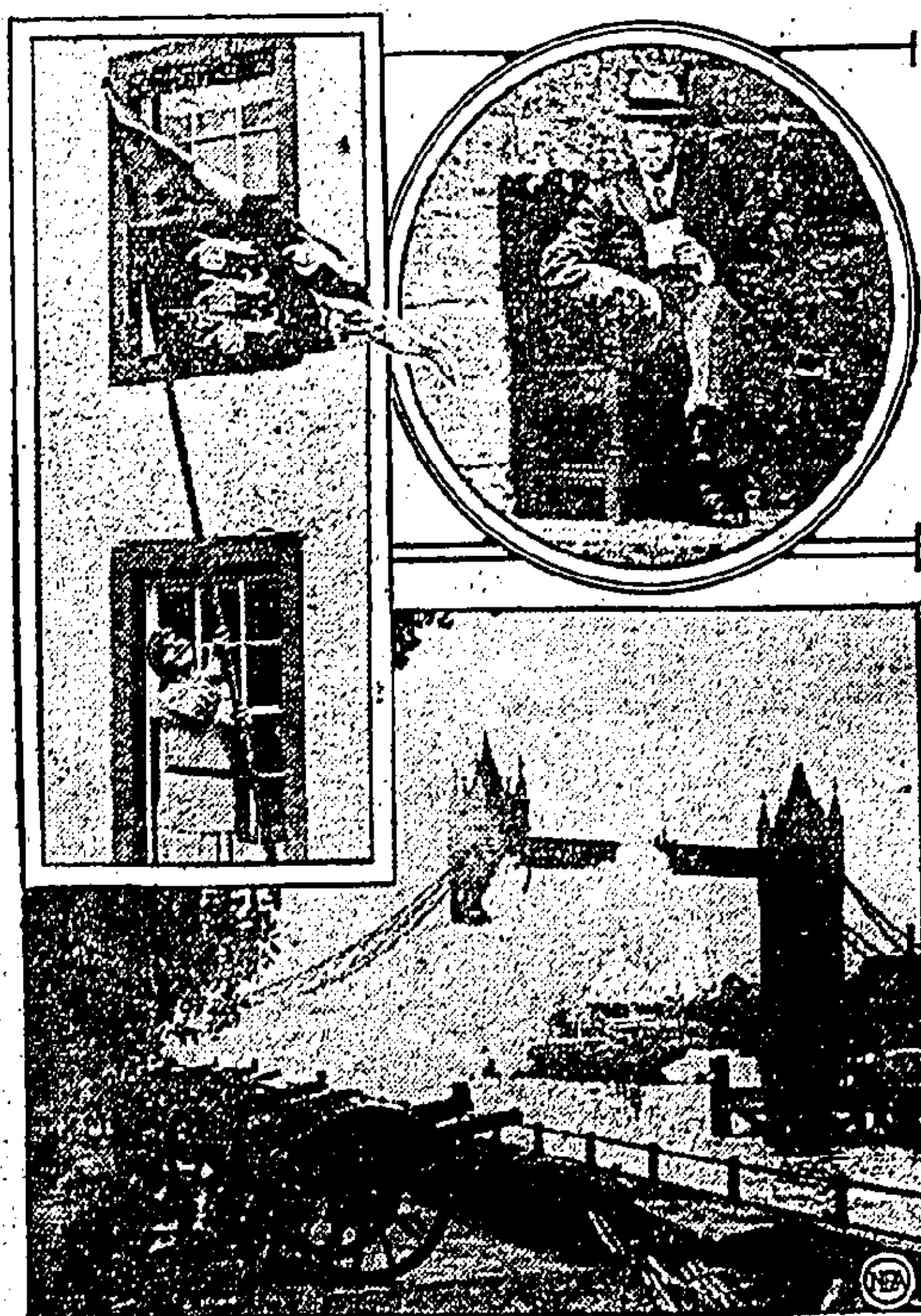
The cathedral at Santo Domingo, containing Columbus' tomb. The edifice was reported as among those wrecked by the hurricane sweeping the West Indies.



Striking resemblance of Stella Lacey, of Springfield, Ill., and the famous Mona Lisa painting by Leonardo da Vinci has interested art lovers.



"Olalde," "The Boy Wonder," who won both the Hai-Alai "A" class and Open Championship in Shanghai.



Scenes attendant on the birth of Princess Margaret. Upper left: Royal Standard being hoisted at Glamis. Upper right: Mr. Clynes waiting. Bottom: Salutes of 41 guns in the Tower of London.



President and Mrs. Hoover are shown above at their retreat in the Rapidan Mountain, where they have spent nearly every week-end during the past summer.

OBVIOUSLY, with Autumn in the air, pyjamas are due for reconsideration. The light cotton of Summer gives way to the little heavier poplin or light weight taffeta and wool.



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SMOBBISHNESS.

On the Tennis Courts.

Almost every tennis club has some "hogs" among its members, whose deplorable characteristics are not even disguised by surface politeness.

Curiously enough, people whose manners are perfect in the ballroom, and who will willingly dance with someone's maiden aunt, if the poor old dear cannot get another partner, make themselves absolutely objectionable if asked to play tennis with a person not up to their standard.

While it is admitted that "ribbits" and elderly persons afflicted with corns and bunions should not be allowed to clutter up the courts unduly, it should be remembered that, if their subscriptions have been accepted, they are entitled to serve a certain amount of doubles throughout the season.

Some "hogs" develop a sudden headache on hearing the names of the members who are making up their set, which incapacitates them until they are asked to join another more to their taste.

Others ungraciously consent to play and then send a smashing service to their inefficient opponents which they know they are quite incapable of returning. By this means the set comes to an early end, the victor shouts out "Time and—" with obvious relief, and then struts off the court.

If some members can only arrive at the courts late in the evening, the "hogs" do not offer to sacrifice a game in order to give the late comers a chance. On the contrary, these unfortunate persons often feel as welcome as a wart and return home without being invited to play at all.

Unpardonable Conduct.

At times these autocrats, having "wangled" a gentlemen's (or double entirely to their liking, arrange an amazing number of deuces in order to prolong the game. In some cases they de-

liberately miss easy points in order to do this. Such conduct is unpardonable, as it enables them to occupy the court for an unreasonably long time and incidentally to keep other people waiting. As the courtesy of the onlookers prevents them remarking upon the singularity of the game and the surprising length of it, the "hogs" are generally safe in pursuing this policy.

When they are asked to play in a mixed double, they will only do so after superciliously inspecting their woman partner. If she does not meet with their approval they spoil her game by dashing in front of her and taking her returns as if she were absolutely incapable of hitting a ball. A "hog" must be on the winning side, whatever the cost to his partner's dignity.

Unfortunately, these selfish individuals are treated with respect, for they are generally the best players in the club as the result of getting so much practice at other people's expense. Nevertheless, on those rare occasions when they are absent, everyone is more at ease, and plays a considerably better game in consequence.

Why should clubs be ruled by a few greedy game-snatchers? Something ought to be done about it. Why not have tests for all prospective members before the season commences, and allow these "hogs" to be the judges? They would probably find nearly everybody lacking, and then decide to form a club of their own. It would be interesting to watch "hog" eat "hog."

W. L. In Exchange.

ORIGINAL NECKLACE.

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YOUR HANDS.

Next to the face, the hands are the most expressive parts of our bodies. Their real charm is not acquired by a careful and regular manicure. This merely gives them a well-tended appearance. Besides looking well, however, they should be attractive in every movement of the wrists and fingers.

Character.

It is possible to tell a person's character and mode of living from the hands. One historian states that Henry VIII. was first attracted to a woman, who subsequently became his unfortunate queen, because of her hands. They seemed to fascinate him. There are many instances in the lives of princes, dukes, and prominent people of the past, which prove the importance of the hands. Certainly great deference was paid to them centuries ago.

Smoking.

Nowadays, the cigarette offers to women new scope for hand play. A woman of my acquaintance is the admiration of her friends when she smokes. Every graceful movement, however small, adds to her attractiveness. Noted dancers, who have won fame in opera and ballet know and appreciate that beauty is given to their actions by the poise of the hands.

BLUE AND SILVER.

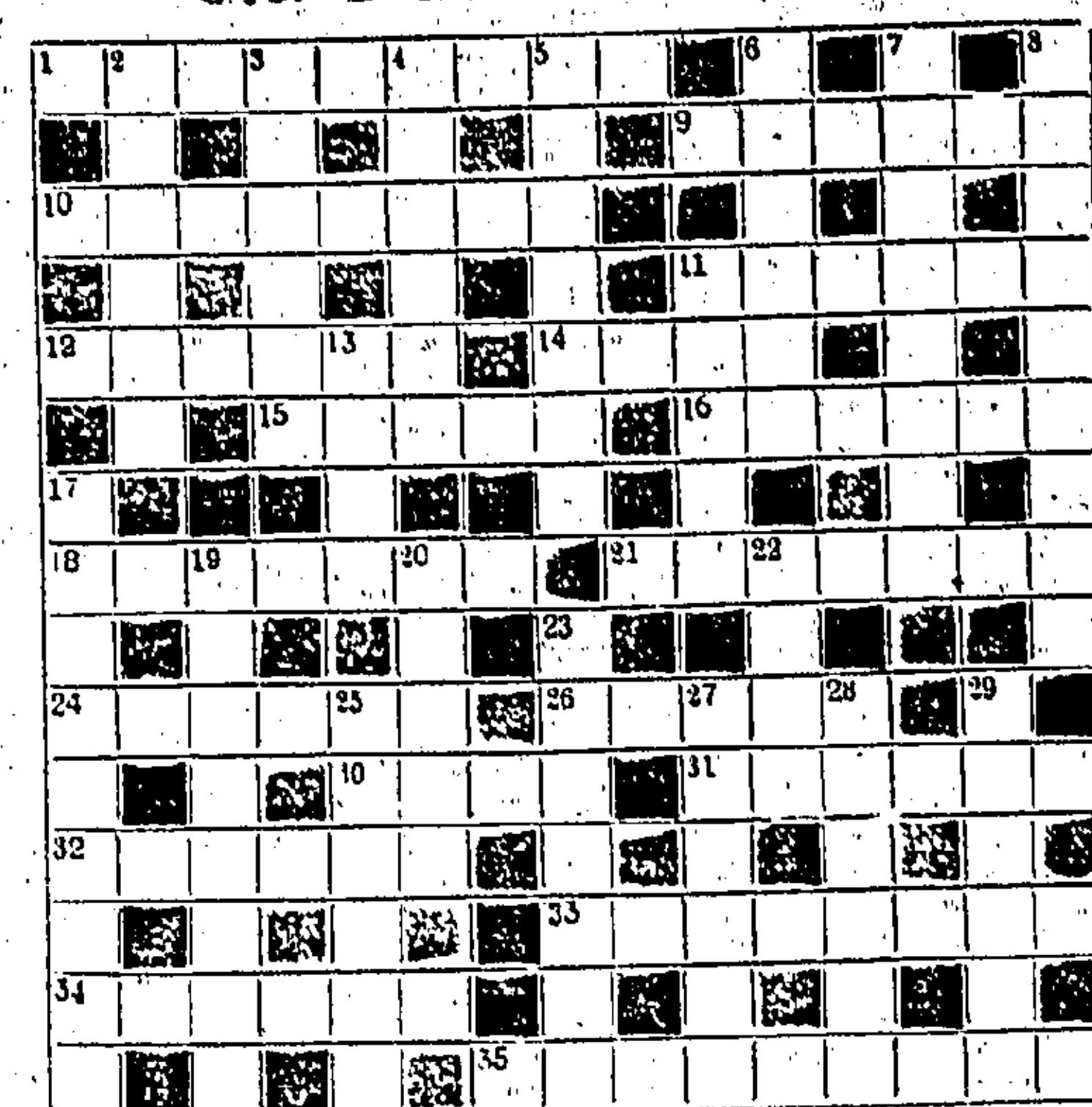
A pretty silver and blue necklace is composed of a coiled blue wire spring, twisted round a narrow strand of silver. The silver shows through the blue wire in a charming manner, and the necklace is fastened with two silver flowers at the back.

Green and Beige.



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Across

- 1 Nature's example of how "honour" peaches in the meanest habit.
- 9 A reproduction in colours.
- 10 You can't do this if you are destitute.
- 11 A mechanic, more suitable.
- 12 A steep is a synonym of this and an injunction which it exemplifies.
- 14 A colour.
- 15 An Asian land.
- 16 Fashion's latest decree for skirts.
- 18 No dancer performs these steps.
- 21 This is a hanging matter.
- 24 Neighbouring in the U.S.A.
- 25 A river with which to begin work that ends in effort.
- 30 This is no illusion of disordered hair.
- 31 The Frenchman's rendering of 28 down.
- 32 Comparatively roguish.
- 33 A bird following a man, results in a vegetable.
- 34 The spoor of the bank-holiday-maker.
- 35 An old sailor starts dancing in front of a Conservative.

Down

- 2 Not comfortable.
- 3 A vegetable acid.
- 4 A Thatcher who gounds a bit of a student.
- 5 This is on the side and starts belatedly.
- 6 An altar that may be made comparatively bright.
- 7 The procrastinator's slogan.
- 8 Arrange in folds.

- 11 A story that is untrue but generally didactic.
- 13 You may pay this out, and the unfriendly may give it you for your undoing.
- 17 "Brutal ten" (anag.).
- 19 A precipitous bank in front of a large town creates famine.
- 20 One who draws a cheque.
- 22 Common sense derived from responsibility.
- 23 "Who named" puts one in a quandary (anag.).
- 25 Musical notes that contradict their name.
- 27 Ten—and Ned—turn back to make this light gig.
- 28 Antithesis to letter.
- 29 Christopher Sly's profession.

Yesterday's Solution.

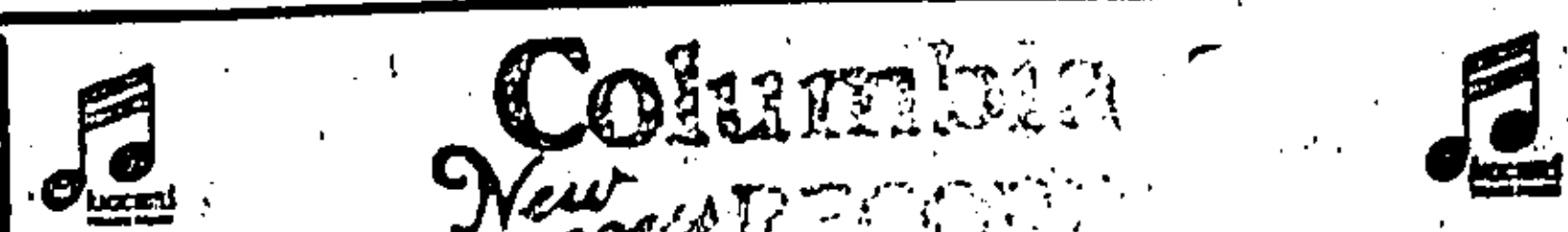
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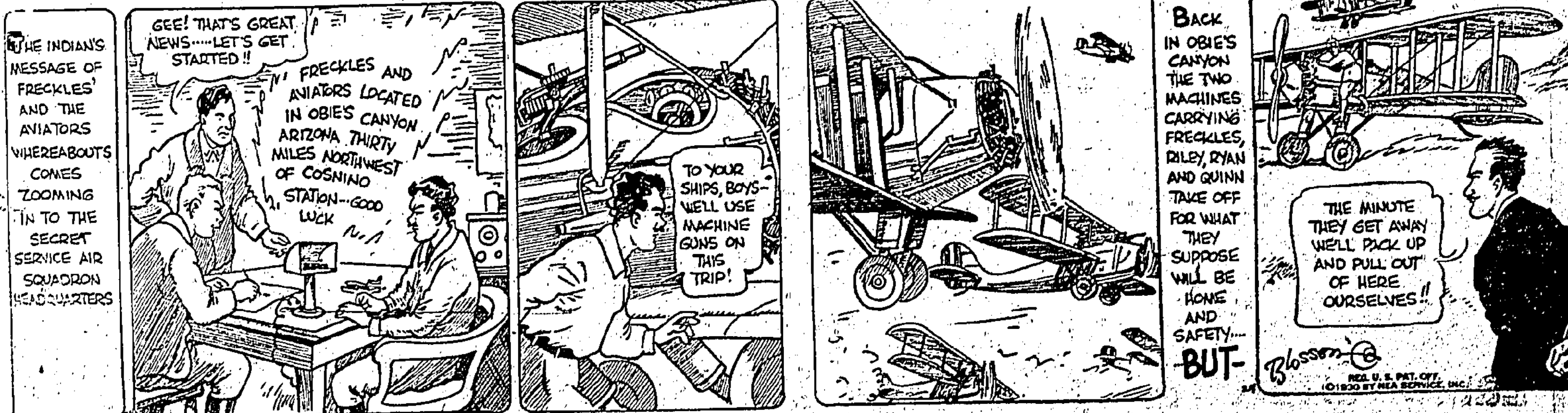
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CURRENCY AGAIN.

If we are to judge from the news item which we published yesterday, the China Association in London appears to have a very hazy idea of the currency situation in this Colony. As a result of representations made by the China Coast Officers' Guild, the Officers (Merchant Navy) Federation got into touch with the Association some little time ago, but it appears that all the help or information it could secure was a statement that "while the subject of a gold currency for China has been 'in the air' for some time, the agitation appears to be subsiding, and they have had no representations as yet from the European community in Hongkong." If the official of the Association is correctly quoted, he appears to have hopelessly mixed up Hongkong and China, and, in fact, seems to have very little knowledge of what is happening either in the one place or the other.

It is of interest to note that whilst other people were arguing and discussing the matter, the China Coast Officers' Guild went straight to the point by endeavouring to get the Federation at Home to press on the Government the desirability of placing Hongkong's currency on a gold basis. We do not imagine, however, that the Guild for a moment thought that the matter was likely to be settled by a mere call at the Colonial Office with a request that the Hongkong Government be instructed to make the change-over. These matters are not quite so simple as that. In any case, the Federation communicated with the appropriate Department, but, to use its own phraseology, "as was expected, the reply was unsatisfactory." Nevertheless, it would have been interesting to have learned the exact nature of the Government's reply. What interests us most, however, is that the Merchant Navy has a body at Home which is able to bring to the notice of the Government any subject of importance to officers serving afloat in Eastern waters. It may or it may not succeed in getting what it wants, but the channel is there for use as occasion demands. In this matter of the Colony's currency, the ordinary resident of Hongkong has little or no opportunity of getting his views before the Government. Were the local branch of the China Association a live body, instead of a mere name in directories, it might well have taken up this currency issue

and put the facts and the necessities plainly before the parent body at Home. So far as we know, however, it has been strangely silent on what is without doubt the most serious problem with which the business community of the Colony and residents generally have ever been faced. In the circumstances, with the absence of guidance from this end, it is scarcely to be wondered at that there should be such appalling ignorance on the subject at Home. In the meantime, nothing appears to be happening in regard to our biggest problem excepting that the Report of the Currency Committee is either on the way Home or by this time lies hidden somewhere in the archives of the Colonial Office. With larger questions affecting the Dominions now engaging the attention of the Home Government, and the prospects of considerable political controversy on big current issues, there is every probability of the matter being conveniently overlooked by the Imperial authorities. This is all the more reason why the local Government should make some effort to get Sir Otto Neimeyer, the noted expert who is now in New Zealand, to come here and give us the benefit of his advice. We are surprised that none of the Unofficials has yet seen fit to press the Government to take such a step.

Mukden's Motives.

The growing feeling that Chang Hsueh-liang's descent on Peking and Tientsin was not entirely motivated by friendship for either of the warring factions will not be removed by Dr. C. T. Wang's denial of Nanking uneasiness. That the Mukden leader has acted quite independently might be inferred from the fact that his support is still claimed by both. Dr. Wang, talks of a complete understanding between the Nanking Government and the North-eastern provincial authorities. Supporters of the North suggest that Mukden's peaceful penetration was according to plan, designed to release the Shansi forces policing Chihli for service at the front. It is impossible for both to be correct, and the whole circumstances of the invasion lends excuse to the suspicion that Chang Hsueh-liang has a policy of his own. We are reminded that Marshal Chang Tso-lin took a similar step six years ago, losing his life when he was persuaded, against the wishes of Chang Hsueh-liang, to retire to Mukden. Exactly how the present Mukden leader's policy will work out in the new situation provided by a still undecided war in which the belligerents are both worn out and impoverished cannot be fore-shadowed, but it may be confidently assumed that he will play a dominating part in the settlement that will not long be delayed. His second peace telegram, now in the course of preparation, will be awaited with the keenest interest. If the Peking vernacular press may be relied upon at all, it will reveal an embarrassing estimate of the real facts of the situation, and may call for the retirement into private life of Chiang Kai-shek as well as Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan.

ROSARY CHURCH.

FEAST TO BE OBSERVED ON SUNDAY.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is to be celebrated at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Sunday. The programme is: Morning Service—First Mass, at 6.30 a.m.; Second Mass, at 7.30 a.m.; Third Mass, at 8.30 a.m.; Solemn Pontifical Mass, at 9.30 a.m. Evening Service 4.30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary, Procession, Sermon, and Benediction. The members of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary and all the Faithful are invited to approach the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion and to visit the Church in order to gain the numerous Indulgences accorded. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who assist at one of the Holy Masses, and also to those who visit the said Church from Saturday afternoon, 4th October, until midnight of the Feast Day. A Plenary Indulgence is granted at each visit. Kowloon, 23rd Sept. 1930.

DAY BY DAY

MINISTERS SHOULD FIRST PREACH TO THEMSELVES, THEN AFTERWARDS TO OTHERS.—Cardinal Pole.

Another Chinese case of typhoid was reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

It is advertised that the offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on October 6th and 10th.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Private Fredrick George Hutchings, Somerset Light Infantry, Murray Barracks, to Miss Julia Maria Remedios, St. Joseph's Building, Hongkong.

A snake, believed to be a cobra, about five feet in length, was killed in the boat-house of the V.R.C. last evening, it possibly having been washed down from the hillside through the nullah which runs into the harbour near the V.R.C.

The forthcoming marriage is announced between the Rev. Lawrence Neville Watkins, of Lugard Hall, Hongkong University, and Miss Hazel Marjorie Maude Somerville, of 2, Bidwell Street, Wellington, New Zealand, who is on her way to Hongkong by the s.s. Changtse.

A fire broke out in the early hours of this morning on the first floor of No. 14, Bowring Street, Kowloon. The floor was used as a fancy goods shop and considerable damage was done, though no one was injured. Four fire appliances quickly arrived on the scene and succeeded in putting out the flames in an hour's time.

According to the record kept by the Botanic Gardens there were 16 rainy days in September, the total rainfall registered being 29.40 inches, of which 23.96 inches fell in six successive days, from the 13th to the 18th. The next heaviest fall was from the 26th to the 30th with 3.72 inches. The heaviest fall in any one day was on the 16th with 3.34 inches, the next on the 14th with 7.45 inches and the next on the 17th with 6.16 inches. The smallest fall was on the 26th with .02 inch.

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression to the N.E. of Hongkong has filled up. The depression to the N.E. of Shanghai has moved to the S.W. of Vladivostok. An anticyclone has formed over China. The forecast for to-morrow is:—North winds, fresh, fine.

Countries Obtained As Bargains.

SELLING a country is a more humane way than war of changing its ownership provided, of course, that the parties to the deal have full power to act. writes Byron Bellingham in a Home paper.

The great new Dominion for East Africa which has just been fore-shadowed in a Government Memorandum will include countries which were once bought and sold as we might acquire any other real estate home. The Sultan of Zanzibar sold the coast territory of Tanganyika to Germany for no more than four million marks, about £200,000 at the time.

Zanzibar itself is a once great realm with a romantic place in the story of Arab influence, which has shrunk by sales rather than by wars. The same Sultan it was who made a Christmas deal with the British East Africa Company by disposing of his rights over the territory they were working. But this was not a strict cash transaction; he wisely accepted an annual subsidy.

Voyage of the "Tory."

One of the most remarkable modern dealers in territory was Colonel William Wakefield who sailed away in a ship called "Tory" from Plymouth ninety years ago. After a three month's voyage, Colonel Wakefield reached Port Nicholson and then proceeded to buy up New Zealand in chunks. He gave 135 stands of arms, twenty-one kegs of gunpowder and a cask of ball cartridges for the harbour and surrounding lands of Port Nicholson.

For £1,500 worth of muskets, tomahawks, Jew's-harps, handkerchiefs and tobacco he obtained a territory "as large as Ireland."

Before he had finished his travels and deals, it was said that Wakefield had obtained millions of acres at an estimated cost of sixpence a thousand acres!

Had everything happened according to plan, the sailing of the "Tory" from Plymouth might have become almost as famous as the sailing of the Mayflower from the same quay. But the chief quarrelled about their sales.

Wakefield was balked in his desire to make his fellow-directors and pilgrims the government. Britain refused a charter and insisted on protection for all interests.

Viking's Sale.

There was a viking who sold the Isle of Man and the Shetland

Islands when he became afraid that Scotland might otherwise wage a bloody war and win them by conquest. This was Magnus the Law Mender. He became so terrified of the might of Scotland that he sent a messenger with power to sell these islands for four thousand marks and the deal went through.

In modern times there was another Scotsman who may be claimed to have bought a country, Robert Gillespie Reid. He was born in a small cottage at Coupar Angus and caught the gold fever when a boy. He suffered in Canada and Australia; he found no road to fortune, but had too much grit to surrender. He first struck lucky in America as a contractor.

Then he descended on Newfoundland. The colony was in trouble. Reid came to the rescue. He obtained more than six million acres of land with harbours, and railways, and telegraphs all complete. He was virtually the monarch by purchase of a territory about a third of the size of his native land and by administration and shrewd development began to lay the fortunes of the dominion as it is today.

Bankrupt King.

But there is surely no more romantic transaction in entire states than that of Theodore of Corsica. After wearing the crown as Theodore I. for eight months he came to London to raise funds but was immediately arrested for an old and large debt at the instance of a creditor who had befriended him during a previous adventurous residence in England.

A public subscription was started to pay the bill and get the monarch from prison, but it realised only fifty pounds. After all, Theodore had to go bankrupt, and his schedule registered his kingdom of Corsica for the benefit of his creditors.

The great Horace Walpole wrote his epitaph about which there was a curious difficulty. "You will laugh to hear," he wrote to a friend, "that when I sent the inscription the minister and churchwardens demurred, and took some days to consider whether they should suffer him to be called King of Corsica."

It did pass, however, and in the Soho churchyard is the stone which marks the grave of Theodore, King of Corsica. It actually records that he died immediately after leaving the King's Bench Prison, by the benefit of the Act of Insolvency, "in consequence of which, he registered his kingdom of Corsica for the use of his creditors."



"The trouble is we have a world of truck horses and race horses."
"A worse trouble, Auntie, none of the race horses think they are truck horses."

BRITISH EMPIRE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

monwealth of Nations in world affairs.

Three Great Steps.

"Since 1926 I think we may point to three great steps which we have taken together to this end. First, the signature of the Paris Peace Pact has recorded the solemn assent of the chief countries of the world to the principle that war shall no longer be used as an instrument of national policy, and that the settlement of disputes shall only be sought by pacific means.

"We have since co-operated in taking a long step towards the establishment of arbitration as a proper means of settling disputes, by signing the Optional Clause. Further, in pursuit of the limitation of armaments as a method of preventing war, we have this year joined in signing the London Naval Treaty.

Much To Be Done.

"But there is much to be done in both fields by broadening the scope of arbitration and by securing a fuller and more general limitation of armaments. Let us be quite frank on this matter. The strength of armaments in the world to-day, and the general unwillingness of Governments to advance the cause of secured peace by a reduction of military material, unless checked must soon lead to a new race in air armaments, to which most of the nations cannot be indifferent. Should a calamity happen, it will not be the fault of our Commonwealth, which, both by precept and example, has shown the sincerity of its devotion to peace. I am sure that in our discussions we shall be able to find common ground for acting in harmony in pursuit of these aspects.

Economic Issue.

"Now to the economic question. The whole world is suffering from acute depression of trade in which we also have inevitably the misfortune to share. The problem is one which cannot be solved by one country alone. What we have to consider is, I suggest, what practical means we can devise for helping one another and thereby helping world contacts and the internal industrial circumstances to which we have to accommodate ourselves.

"Two essentials are required for our economic co-operation. First, there is the will to succeed and, secondly, a renewal of confidence in spite of the propaganda of depression which has been so prevalent in recent months. We require practical measures of far-reaching soundness and not short-sighted attractions with unknown reactions. I hope our discussions will provide the former."

Canadian View.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. R. D. Bennett, expressing thanks for the generous welcome extended to him, said whatever might distinguish one Conference from another, they were at least alike in the spirit of Empire. Never, in his view, had there been presented for solution questions of such urgency and of such far-reaching consequence to the economic welfare of the Empire as those which now arose.

"We meet at a time of industrial depression, falling prices, slackening trade, diminishing revenue and rising unemployment. This situation is worldwide. While Canada has faced the facts and, through adequate employment of those means within our own country has, we believe, provided a way out of the present difficulties, my Canadian colleagues have now come to the Conference not only with a message of affection and goodwill, but in the strong belief that by concerted action of the whole we can advance the interests of all sections of the Empire". At an appropriate stage of the proceedings, he would develop his considered view as to that scheme of co-operation which he believed held the surest promise of real and lasting advantage to all States of the Empire.

Australia and Preference.

The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. J. H. Scullin, referring to the work before the Conference of advancing a stage further the great task of the real unity of the British Commonwealth of Nations, said the machinery of the relations within the British Commonwealth was in the course of evolution from a simple form towards something more appropriate to the present-day position. It was quite possible to reconcile the complete and effective autonomy of the Dominions with the unity of the British Commonwealth as a whole. As a free association of peoples, however, there was nothing to be gained, and perhaps a great deal to be lost, by attempting to crystallise their relations too closely within the confines of any formal documents. On the unity of the British Commonwealth might depend in time to come, the preservation of international peace.

Touching upon economic issues, he said the urgent problem of to-day was one of markets rather than one of production, and in the event of the Governments of the Empire deciding upon a definite formal policy of Imperial economic

co-operation, the Commonwealth Government would be ready to do its part. Australia hoped to receive from Britain a treaty identical in fact, if not in method, to that which she had already afforded Britain through preferential tariffs, and which she was prepared to afford in even greater measure.

New Zealand's Attitude.

The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Forbes, said there would be disappointment throughout the Commonwealth if the Conference did not reach an agreement on some concrete and effective economic policy to their common benefit, or, at least, definite steps towards increasing inter-Imperial trade.

Regarding the constitutional pledges between the members of the British Commonwealth, Mr. Forbes said New Zealanders had felt that at all times in recent years they had had ample fields and scope for their national aspirations. He hoped all questions regarding the status of the respective members of the Commonwealth would be finally disposed of at the Conference, but with its elimination another problem of even higher importance would arise. In the Commonwealth of six equal partners differing in history and situation, and of different centrifugal influences, their association might be weakened in the absence of a common policy in essential matters. New Zealand hoped the Governments at the Conference would divert their attention from status to co-operation.

The head of the Indian delegation, the Maharajah of Bikaner, declared that the Princes and subjects of the Indian States reaffirmed their loyalty to the King-Emperor, and with the bulk of the people of British India, were desirous at heart that their country should enjoy an honourable place in the Commonwealth.

British Wireless.

Other points. Other points from the speeches are tabulated by Reuters as follows: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, whose speech was broadcast, said the Conference had opened in a splendid spirit.

"The outlook in view of the world trade depression may seem disquieting, but on the very magnitude of our problems, I build a good hope of overcoming them.

"We are all suffering from a bad bout of pessimism that must be stopped. Our weakness lies in our psychology and not in our skill, material resources or opportunities.

"The result of the conference would be a broadening of liberty and the Prime Ministers would take away a feeling that there is a kindness and an advantage in linking us not by law or by force but by a heartsworn friendship, reverence for the finer inheritance of tradition, achievement in the things of the soul and the imagination of our place in history, won and kept.

"Trade," he added, "will not keep our affections vital, but a vital affection will keep our trade ample."

Mr. Gillingham emphasised that in his view the recognition of the Irish Free State as a free sovereign state transcended all other considerations. He urged the necessity of removing finally the last obstacles to harmonious and easy intercourse. Mr. Forbes, the New Zealand Premier, hoped that the Governments concerned would find it possible to divert attention from status to co-operation.

Mr. Scullin held it quite possible to reconcile the complete and effective autonomy of the Dominions with the unity of the British Commonwealth as a whole, but not if we attempt to dot every "i" and cross every "t".

Mr. Bennett reaffirmed his unchanging conviction that no problem was so complex that it could not be solved if they had faith and confidence in one another.

General Hertzog, dilated upon the disastrous effects likely to result from the British Government's proposed abolition of preferences, but he hoped that the Conference would solve the difficulties in a manner consistent with the highest interests of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Squires said that ninety per cent. of the residents of Newfoundland were of English, Irish and Scottish blood and Newfoundland was enthusiastically in favour of inter-Imperial trade.

Banquet Announcement. The various patriotic societies gave a banquet in the evening in honour of the delegates to the Imperial Conference.

Prince Arthur of Connaught presided. He gave the toast of "The Dominions Overseas and India," mentioning in the course of his speech that an eminent architect, who has already achieved notable successes in South Africa and India, had been consulted with a view to the building of a monument in London in the near future expressing the mutual understanding and helpfulness among the peoples of the British Commonwealth.—Reuters.

CINEMA NOTES.

GILBERT COMING TO THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Redemption," an all-talking adaptation of Lyof Tolstol's drama, "The Living Corpse," will open on Friday at the Queen's Theatre with John Gilbert in the starring role and Renee Adoree, Conrad Nagel, Eleanor Boardman and Claire McDowell in important support parts. The Russian work, which achieved considerable success on the American stage with John Barrymore and more recently with the German actor, Alexander Moissi, was prepared for screen purposes by Dorothy Farnum with dialogue by Edwin Justus Mayer. The direction was handled by Fred Niblo, who will be remembered as the creator of "Ben-Hur," and who guided the steps of Greta Garbo in her first American production, "The Torrent."

Information is that the picture is one of the most expensive to come out of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, the lavish scenes necessitating construction of mammoth sets and a wealth of intimate detail which, it is reported, follows to the smallest item actual conditions of pre-war Russia in which era the locale of the story is laid. In this connection it is said that Mrs. Natalie Bucknall, M-G-M research expert, spent several months in investigating Russian characteristics of that period in an effort to gain realistic atmosphere and that true Russian feeling was further insured through the services of Alexander Toluboff, Moscow architect, who supervised construction of interiors.

Money and Love Tempt Detective.

They offered him \$5,000 a month if he would leave them alone. The girl he was mad about offered him her love if he would throw away his detective badge, turn against society, and join with the underworld crooks. It was wealth and the love he wanted more than anything else against honour. George Bancroft, as detective Lieutenant Two-Gun Nolan has that decision to make in "The Drag Net," the Paramount picture now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. The choice he makes and the terrific dangers he encounters in adhering to his decision are pictured in thrilling fashion in this pulse quickening melodrama of the crooks of the underworld.

Josef von Sternberg, the man who directed that stirring melodrama "Underworld," and then repeated another outstanding success in "The Last Command" is the director of "The Drag Net."

George Bancroft, the star, will be remembered as "Bull Weed" of "Underworld." He is not the only member of "The Drag Net" cast who played in "Underworld," however. Evelyn Brent was the leading woman in the picture and she is the girl of "The Drag Net." Fred Kohler was a gang leader in "Underworld" and has a similar role in this picture. William Powell takes the part of the crook's chieftain.

Mary Nolan's Career. Thousands of stage-struck girls have set out to conquer New York, and comparatively few have succeeded in their ambitions. And of the latter, few have begun at as early an age as Mary Nolan, the screen's exotic beauty, now appearing in Universal's romantic drama, "Young Desire," at the Queen's Theatre.

Mary Nolan was just fourteen years of age when she set out alone for the wonderland of the big city. Her ambition was concerned with dancing. But fate had other plans at that time. Her blonde beauty attracted the attention of an artist, and Miss Nolan became an artists' model.

She posed for many of the most famous artists, taking a course at a dancing school meanwhile. Then her chance came, Arthur Hammerstein realized her possibilities for the stage, and Miss Nolan entered upon a musical comedy career.

She attained Hollywood motion picture stardom by way of a career in Germany. She was starred in a number of important German pictures before she returned to Hollywood, where she soon won a Universal contract and stardom.

Her work in her first Universal starring picture, "Shanghai Lady," revealed to the motion picture world that here was an actress of striking and unusual ability, and remarkable dramatic talents. Her next picture, "Undertow," added to her reputation, and she reaches new heights in "Young Desire."

"Young Desire" is exceptional in its gripping story, colourful atmosphere, and keen dramatic conflict. Many of its scenes are laid in the bizarre setting of a carnival. Miss Nolan is supported by a notable cast, including Ralf Haroldo, Mae Busch, George Irving and Claire McDowell.

"Street Girl" A Gay Drama.

One of the most famous orchestras will entertain patrons of Central Theatre to-day, when "Street Girl," the all-talking and all-musical Radio Picture featuring Betty Compson, opens.

Gus Arnheim and his Cocoanut Grove Ambassadors, now playing at the Ambassadors Club in Paris, appear in several of the night club sequences of the Radio Picture.

NEW BUILDINGS IN LONDON.

REBUILDING THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

PROGRESS OF WORK.

It is understood that the portions of the Bank of England now being reconstructed will probably be ready for occupation in May, 1932. It will be three years later before the whole work of rebuilding, which began in 1927, will be completed.

During the last weeks of August the finishing touches have been given to the front in Threadneedle-street; its most prominent feature is an imposing array of pillars, which appear to rise naturally from the original two-storeyed front. The East block is not so far advanced; but the concrete facing has already been applied up to the fifth floor, and the simple lines of the building, relieved at intervals by spacious balconies, is singularly pleasing. At present, however, work is being concentrated on the block facing Lothbury.

The only completed portion of the work is the cupola block in the North-East corner; this consists of an upper chamber and, beneath, a lofty lobby, which serves as a right-of-way for the Bank's lorries; these are thus enabled to load undisturbed inside the Bank premises.

As far as possible building materials are introduced into the Bank by means of two gigantic cranes, which stretch far out over Bartholomew-lane and Lothbury. This does away with the need for men and lorries continually passing in and out.

An elaborate system of brick walls and wooden partitions separates the area of building operations from the parts of the Bank now in use.

Cleaning Royal Exchange.

During the past month, work was begun on refurbishing the front of the Royal Exchange. Scaffolding was erected, and the capitals of the pillars thoroughly cleaned. After this they will be enclosed in wire netting, to prevent damage from the large number of pigeons which make the Royal Exchange their home. This method has been successfully tried in the case of several other buildings similarly affected.

THE 3/15TH. PUNJABIS GOING HOME.

3/9TH JAT REGIMENT COMING TO HONGKONG.

The Indian battalion to relieve the 3rd. Bn. The 15th. Punjab Regt. during the present trooping season will be the 3rd. Bn. The 9th. Jat Regt. at present stationed at Santa Cruz.

The new battalion will probably arrive in Hongkong on board H/T Takada about November 12, and, after handing over the barracks and duties, the Punjabis will embark for India in H/T Talamba about four days later.

The 3/9th. Jat Regiment is composed of Jats from the Punjab and Delhi, Musalman Rajputs (Ranghars) and Punjabi Musalmans. It was first raised at Dinapore in 1823, being styled the 1st. Bn. 33rd. Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry, but in 1824 the title was changed to 65th. Regiment of B.N.I. Further changes in the designation of the battalion were—10th. Bengal Infantry, 10th. (Jat) Bengal Infantry in 1897, 10th. Jat Infantry in 1901, 10th. Jats in 1903, and, finally, the present title in 1923.

The battalion is at present commanded by Lt. Col. J. G. Lecky.

FRAUD ON LOCAL COMPANY.

A GREEK MERCHANT SENTENCED.

Lausanne, Oct. 1.

A Greek merchant named Chriso Jean Carifalis, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and fined a thousand francs and costs.

He was accused of selling to a firm in Hongkong, last year, a consignment of non-existent pulp; also illegal possession of money derived from forged insurance policies.—Reuters.

Four musical numbers written originally for "Street Girl," are being featured by Arnheim and his band as they play for the dancers in the Paris club; and in each town "Street Girl" has appeared, this season, these tunes have quickly become favourites with local orchestras.

John Harrold, Jack Oakie, Ned Sparks, Joseph Cawthorn, Ivan Lebedeff and Eddie Kane head the supporting cast which Wesley Ruggles directed. The story tells of the adventures of a little group of musicians in a cafe of New York's "Little Hungary."

OBITUARY.

CAPT. T. A. MITCHELL OF JARDINE'S.

News was received from London yesterday of the death of Capt. Thomas Alexander Mitchell, who was with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., from 1891 to 1922, a total of 31 years. He was formerly master of the s.s. Nam Sang, which was on the Calcutta-Hongkong run.

Born 67 years ago, the late Capt. Mitchell was for some considerable time an officer of sailing vessels, including the Centurion, of which clipper he was Chief Officer for a period of 18 months. He joined the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company in August, 1891, as Third Officer and gradually gained promotion until he was given command of one of the Company's vessels. After thirty-one years of faithful service, the late Capt. Mitchell retired on pension in October 1922 and returned to England.

The late master leaves a widow and two children, all of whom were formerly residents of Calcutta, Japan and Hongkong, and to them the deepest sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

During the whole of his 31 years with the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Capt. Mitchell proved himself to be a capable and trustworthy officer and was highly respected by all who knew him. He made a great many friends at the various ports at which his vessel called. He was a man of cheerful disposition and was a keen enthusiast for photography, to which he devoted much of his spare time.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

THREE FRIENDLIES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

At Caroline Hill yesterday, the Somersets defeated South China by three goals to one in a friendly football match. The losers were not at full strength. Prior to this game, the juniors met, Somersets winning by the odd goal in three.

At the Stadium, the Chinese Athletic defeated the Police in a friendly, by four goals to one.

Referees' Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Referees' Association will be held in the H.K.F.A. Offices, French Bank Building, at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Club Teams for Saturday.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Club on Saturday.

First Eleven v. China Athletic on the Club ground, kick-off 4.30 p.m.—Rodger, Whipples, Bishop, McBride, Segelen, Watson, Bell, Strange, Goldman, Duncan, Wallington. Reserves Skimmer, Strange.

Second Eleven v. Somerset Regt. at Sookumpoo, kick-off 3.30 p.m.—Wilson, Slater, Potanoff, Hynes, Punccheon, Krilovsky, Fowler, Gray, King, Smith, Tavelen. Reserves. Denny, Hooper.

LIQUOR SEIZURE.

HOUSEHOLDERS FLEE AS RAID OCCURS.

When Revenue Officers under Mr. H. A. Taylor, Acting Superintendent of Imports and Exports, raided a native wine retailer's shop at 141, Third Street, West Point, for dutiable liquor, they found that their visit had been anticipated and the inmates had disappeared.

The premises were completely deserted except for a bed-ridden man, described as an assistant cook, who was too ill to leave his bed. He was unable to give any information as to the whereabouts of the retailer.

Two Chinese Revenue Officers left on the premises, to await developments, reported that no-one has turned up at the shop since. On September 30, the Telephone Company took away their installation.

Some 150 gallons of dutiable wine seized in the place were ordered to be confiscated after an application was made by Mr. Taylor to the Magistrate (Mr. Lindsell) at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Mabel Normand Cody, otherwise Mabel Normand, the well-known film actress, of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, left 2408 in England. The value of the property in the United States has been sworn to exceed 10,000 dollars (\$2,000). She bequeathed: To my husband one dollar only, for the reason that he is well provided for in his own separate property, and is capable of earning his own support. Mrs. Cody gave everything else to her mother, Mary Normand, of Staten Island, New York. The will stated: All the property that I possess or own at the date hereof is my own separate property, and is the result of my own personal effort.

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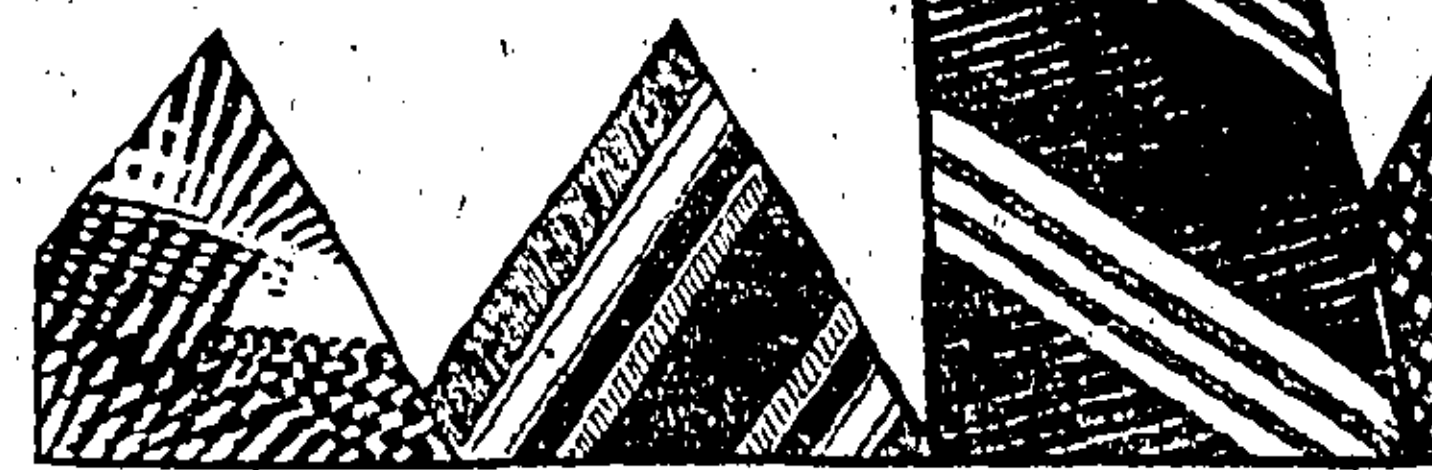
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SIR WM. PEEL AT MACAO.

PORTUGUESE COLONY CELEBRATES.

Macao, Oct. 1.
Sir William Peel, the Governor
of Hongkong, accompanied by
Lady Peel and Mr. G. W. A. Tuf-
ton, Private Secretary, and Capt.
T. A. Colman, A. D. C., paid an
official visit to the Portuguese
Colony of Macao to-day. The
journey from Hongkong was made
in H.M.S. Tarantula, which steam-
ed into the channel of the new
port of Macao shortly before noon.
The weather was ideal for the
first visit of the Governor of
Hongkong to Macao, and the place
was at its best.

Along the bund of the new port
of Macao a large crowd had as-
sembled to see the landing of Sir
William and Lady Peel at the Gov-
ernment Pier, which was gaily de-
corated with bunting and flags.
After H. M. S. Tarantula had
berthed, Commander Almeida
Pinheiro, Harbour Master, accom-
panied by Lieut. M. Zanatti, who
was appointed orderly officer at
the service of the distinguished
visitor, and Capt. A. Major, aide-
de-camp to the Governor of Macao,
called on board the British man-
of-war to pay the respects of the
colony of Macao to the Governor
of Hongkong. Shortly after noon,
Sir William and Lady Peel, ac-
companied by Sir William's staff,
embarked in the pinnace and soon
drew alongside the Macao pier, where
the guns of a Portuguese
batteries boomed out their welcome.

The Landing.
Sir William and Lady Peel were
received at the landing stage by
Senhor Artur Tamagnini Bar-
bosa, the Governor of Macao, and
Madame Barbosa.

The visiting Governor was intro-
duced to the many people who had
gathered on the pier. Among
those present were:

Dr. J. Magalhaes, Colonial
Secretary, the Rev. Dean J.
Azevedo Barthelemy, acting for the

Bishop of Macao, Col. A. J. Lobato
Administrator of the Islands of
Taipa and Coloman, Mr. A. A. de
Mello and Madame de Mello, Major
A. Pinto Lello, Chief of Staff, Mr.
Henrique Nolasco da Silva, Presi-
dent of the Municipal Council,
Major J. S. Andrade, Commis-
sioner of Police, the Rev. Father F. X.
Soares, Rev. Father Alves, Prin-
cipal of the Portuguese Missions at
Shiu Hing, Rev. Father Barreto,
Director of St. Joseph's Seminary
College, Mr. J. F. Sales da Silva, Mr.
F. Dias Costa, Colonial Treasurer,
Dr. Horacio Carvalho, Registrar,
General, Dr. Cerejeira, Mr. Tou Fat-
hon, Dr. Ferreira de Castro, Direc-
tor of the Lyceum, Mr. F. J. Gel-
lion, Dr. Lew Yuk-lin, Mr. A. M.
da Silva, Mr. A. F. Batalha, Dr. J.
Amaral, Lt. Col. A. N. Leitao, Mr.
Honorio Lopes, Acting Director
of Public Works, Commander Cor-
reia, Mr. E. L. da Silva, Flight
Commander J. Cabral, Mr. F. J.
Rodrigues, Lt. Col. Schiappa Mon-
teiro, Director of the Port Works
Department, and many others.

When the two Governors stepped
from the pier to the shore, the band
of the Macao Municipal Council
struck up the British National
Anthem, followed by the strains
of the Portuguese Hymn.

Sir William then inspected the
guard of honour, from the Macao
Infantry Corps, which was drawn
up on the bund of the new port,
under command of Capt. Vieira.

Among the hundreds of persons
who had gathered to see the land-
ing, were large numbers of schol-
ars, including the uniformed boys
of the Macao Salesian Industrial
Orphanage with their band, others
from St. Joseph Seminary College,
as well as scores of young men
from the Wah Yan Middle School,
the Macao branch of the Hongkong
school of the same name.

Sir William and Lady Peel in
the company of Senhor and
Madame Tamagnini Barbosa, ac-
companied by their respective
staffs then drove off in a motor-
car, and after a drive along
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which Sir William Peel, assisted
by the health of the President
of Portugal, and Senhor Tamagnini
Barbosa proposed the health of the
King of England.

After luncheon a tour of the
city was made, and Sir William
and Lady Peel went to see some
of the principal places of interest
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The distinguished visitors re-
embarked about 4.30 p.m. many
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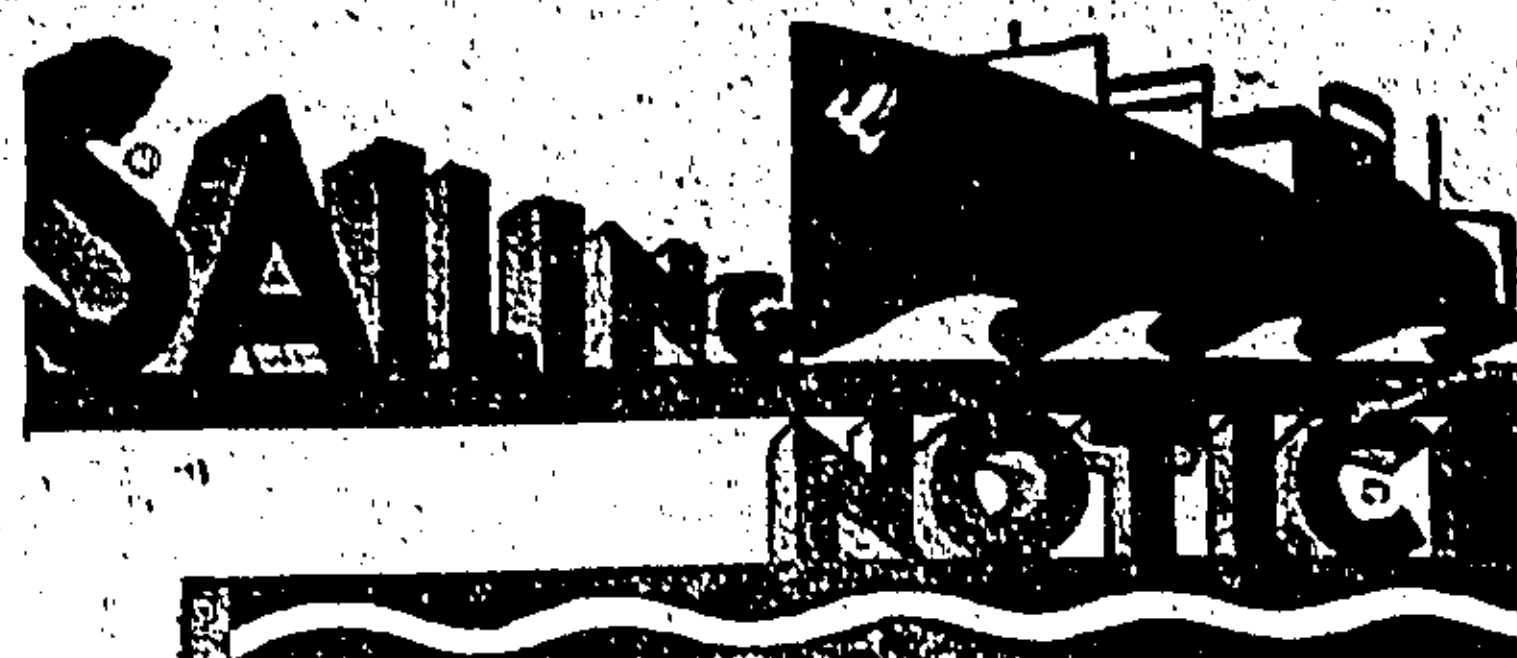
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Aki Maru ... Tuesday, 21st Oct.
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Tango Maru ... Saturday, 11th Oct.
Tottori Maru ... Monday, 27th Oct.
SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Japan, Honolulu,
Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
Bokuyo Maru ... Saturday, 20th Nov.
SOUTH AMERICA (EAST COAST) via Singapore,
Capetown & Ports.
Kanagawa Maru ... Saturday, 18th Oct.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
Toba Maru ... Tuesday, 7th Oct.
Liabon Maru ... Friday, 17th Oct.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople,
Genoa & Marseilles.
Lima Maru ... Tuesday, 14th Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
Muroran Maru ... Wednesday, 8th Oct.
Rangoon Maru ... Wednesday, 29th Oct.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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